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# STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS AND THE GENERAL SITUATION OF OVERDUE REPORTS

## Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report contains updated information on the status of the international human rights instruments and the general situation of overdue reports as at 1 August 1998 in regard to the following six instruments:

(a) The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 3 January 1976 (ICESCR);

(b) The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 1966 and entered into force on 23 March 1976 (ICCPR);

(c) The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1965 and entered into force on 4 January 1969 (CERD);

(d) The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly on 18 December 1979 and entered into force on 3 September 1981 (CEDAW);

(e) The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1984 and entered into force on 26 June 1987 (CAT); and

(f) The Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly on 20 November 1989 and entered into force on 2 September 1990 (CRC).

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| State party | ICESCR | ICCPR | CERD | CEDAW | CAT | CRC | Total reports overdue | Total treaties ratified |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Afghanistan | 1 | 1 | 6 | | 2 | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| Albania | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Algeria | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Andorra | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Angola | 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | | | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Argentina | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Armenia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Australia | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Austria | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Azerbaijan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Bahamas | | | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Bahrain | | | 4 | | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Bangladesh | | | 5 | 0 | | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Barbados | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| Belarus | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Belize | | 1 | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Benin | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| Bhutan | | | | 4 | | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Bolivia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| Botswana | | | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Brazil | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| Brunei Darussalam | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Burkina Faso | | | 0 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Burundi | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Cambodia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Cameroon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Canada | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Cape Verde | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 6 |
| Central African Republic | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | | 0 | 14 | 5 |
| Chad | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Chile | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| China | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Colombia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Comoros | | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Congo | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 14 | 5 |
| Cook Islands | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Costa Rica | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 6 |
| Croatia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Cuba | | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Czech Republic | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| Denmark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Djibouti | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dominica | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| Dominican Republic | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 2 | 9 | 5 |

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| Ecuador | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Egypt | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| El Salvador | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 2 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| Eritrea | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Estonia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Ethiopia | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Fiji | | | 8 | 1 | | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| France | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Gabon | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| Gambia | 2 | 3 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | 18 | 5 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Germany | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Ghana | | | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Greece | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Grenada | 2 | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Guatemala | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Guinea | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 6 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1 | | | 3 | | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Guyana | 0 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 6 |
| Haiti | | 1 | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| Holy See | | | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Honduras | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Hungary | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Iceland | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| India | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Indonesia | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 |

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| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Iraq | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Ireland | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Israel | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Italy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Jamaica | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| Japan | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Jordan | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Kazakhstan | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Kenya | 0 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| Kiribati | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Kuwait | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | | | 7 | 4 | | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| Latvia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 6 |
| Lebanon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Lesotho | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Liberia | | | 11 | 4 | | 1 | 16 | 3 |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Liechtenstein | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Lithuania | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Luxembourg | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Madagascar | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 2 | 13 | 5 |
| Malawi | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| Malaysia | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Maldives | | | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 6 | 3 |

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| Mali | 2 | 3 | 6 | 2 | | 1 | 14 | 5 |
| Malta | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| Marshall Islands | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mauritania | | | 5 | | | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Mauritius | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Mexico | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Micronesia (Federated States of) | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Monaco | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Mongolia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Morocco | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Mozambique | | 1 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| Myanmar | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Namibia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Nauru | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Nepal | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| New Zealand | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Nicaragua | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Niger | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| Nigeria | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Niue | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Oman | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Pakistan | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Palau | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Panama | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Papua New Guinea | | | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 8 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paraguay | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Peru | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Philippines | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Portugal | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Qatar | | | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Republic of Korea | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Republic of Moldova | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Romania | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Russian Federation | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Rwanda | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | | | | 4 | | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Saint Lucia | | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 14 | 5 |
| Samoa | | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| San Marino | 2 | 2 | | | | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Sao Tomé and Principe | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Saudi Arabia | | | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Senegal | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Seychelles | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 6 |
| Sierra Leone | 1 | 1 | 12 | 3 | | 1 | 18 | 5 |
| Singapore | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| Solomon Islands | 2 | | 7 | | | 1 | 10 | 3 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Somalia | 2 | 2 | 7 | | 2 | | 13 | 4 |
| South Africa | | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Sri Lanka | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Sudan | 1 | 0 | 3 | | | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Suriname | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | | 0 | 13 | 5 |
| Swaziland | | | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Sweden | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Switzerland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 1 | 3 | 0 | | | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Tajikistan | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Thailand | | 1 | | 0 | | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Togo | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 7 |
| Tonga | | | 0 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 0 | 8 | 5 |
| Tunisia | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Turkey | | | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Turkmenistan | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Tuvalu | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Uganda | 2 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 6 |
| Ukraine | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| United Arab Emirates | | | 1 | | | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United Republic of Tanzania | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 | | 2 | 11 | 5 |
| United States of America | | 0 | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | 3 |
| Uruguay | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Uzbekistan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Vanuatu | | | | 1 | | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Venezuela | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| Viet Nam | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 10 | 5 |
| Yemen | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| Yugoslavia | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Zambia | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| Zimbabwe | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 7 | 5 |
| Total overdue reports | 134 | 132 | 375 | 229 | 98 | 145 | 1113 | 886 |
| Total States parties | 137 | 140 | 150 | 161 | 105 | 191 | 193 | 193 |

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